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AMENDMENT AND REQUEST FOR RECONSIDERATION

SIR:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 4th, 2002, Applicants respectfully request reconsideration in view of the following amendments and remarks. No fees are believed due in connection with this response. However, in the event any fees are necessitated by this response, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge our deposit account no. 13-4500, order no. 1232-4518.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 5 and 6 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claims 1-4 and 7-18 by replacing the identified claims with the following as indicated below (attached is an appendix showing the changes):